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SUBJECT: TAXES AND DUTIES FOR NICS PROJECTS

REF: USNATO 3132

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO (A) INFORM NICSMA THAT USG PREPARED TO ACCEPT SAME PROCEDURE AS USED FOR NATO SATCOM EQUIPMENT AND TO (B) SUBMIT FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO NICSMA LETTER REPORTED REFTEL OF JUNE 27, 1973.

2. USG IS PREPARED TO EXEMPT NICS PROJECTS IN THE US IF PROCURED OR CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE PARIS PROTOCOL AND THE U.S.-NATO SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS EARTH TERMINAL AGREEMENT, OR SUCH OTHER AGREEMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE PROTOCOL TO COVER PROJECTS OTHER THAN SATCOM FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES AND ALL READILY IDENTIFIABLE US FEDERAL TAXES, SUCH AS FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES. THE USG IS ALSO PREPARED TO EXEMPT NICS PROJECTS FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES UNDER THE OTTAWA AGREEMENT, AND FURTHERMORE THE USG RECOGNIZES ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ARTICLE X OF THE LATTER AGREEMENT TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL EXCISE DUTIES AND TAXES INVOLVED IN IMPORTANT PURCHASES BY THE ORGANIZATION. THE USG FURTHER AGREES TO REPRESENT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATION AND ITS HEADQUARTERS IN MATTERS WITH LOCAL

GOVERNMENTS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF LOCAL TAXES,
DUTIES AND OTHER PUBLIC CHARGES.

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3. IN ORDER FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE EXEMPTION
FROM ALL READILY IDENTIFIABLE DUTIES AND TAXES FOR EQUIP-
MENT AND MATERIALS IMPORTED FOR NICS PROJECTS IN THE U.S.,
THE IMPORTED EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY A NATO CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FORM NO. 302, PROPERLY SIGNED
AND STAMPED. UNTIL NOTIFIED TO THE CONTRARY, THE CUSTOMS
CLEARANCE FORM NO. 302 WITH THE PROPER SHIPMENT STAMPS
(NICSMA/ADM/72/334) AND SIGNATURES OF THE NICSMA OFFICERS
APPOINTED TO SIGN THE FORM (NICSMA/ADM/72/293) SHALL BE
REGARDED AS VALID UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 1973, UNLESS NOTIFI-
CATION OF RENEWAL BY NICSMA FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD IS
RECEIVED BY USG PRIOR TO THAT DATE

4. THERE IS NO CUSTOMS PROCEDURE REQUIRED FOR THE EX-
PORTATION OR REEXPORTATION OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIELS
REFERRED TO IN PARA. 2 ABOVE. RUSH

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